

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 16-21, 41 and 43. In the present amendment, claims 38, 40, 42 and 44 have been canceled, and new claims 45 and 46 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. *Accordingly, no new matter has been added.*

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 16-21, 41, 43 and 45-46 will be pending. Any amendments to and/or cancellation of the claims should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections and was done solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed or as previously pending in this or a separate application(s).

Claim Rejections

Claims 38, 40 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for indefiniteness. Claims 38, 40, 42 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for lack of adequate written description. Claims 38, 40, 42 and 44 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by DeWeille *et al.* (US 6,287,859) or by Renard *et al.* (US 2002/0173000).

Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections for the reasons of record. However, solely in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, claims 38, 40, 42 and 44 have been canceled, thus rendering the rejections moot.

SUMMARY

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fee in the amount of \$510.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.36(a) is being filed concurrently herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. PCI-017USRCE2.

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